

Appl. No. 10/676,955
Atty. Docket No. 8778CC
Amdt. dated June 7, 2004
Reply to Office Action of May 5, 2004
Customer No. 27752

REMARKS

Claims 1-8, 10-26, 28-35, 38-40, and 42-52 are pending in the present application. Claims 9, 27, 36, 37, and 41 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 10-13, 19, 20, 22, 28, and 38 have been amended. Claims 42-52 are new.

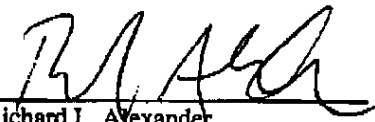
In response to Examiner's election and pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicants elect the species consistent with Figs. 13 and 14, and the sub-species consistent with Fig. 20. The pending claims are believed to be consistent with said election.

It is believed that these changes do not involve any introduction of new matter. Consequently, entry of these changes is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Early and favorable action in the case is respectfully requested. Further, in view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims.

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